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August 18, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 August 18, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
COLIMA ROAD AND FULLERTON ROAD
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ET AL.,
IN THE CITIES OF CLAREMOUNT, INDUSTRY, AND SAN DIMAS
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award a construction contract to Select Electric, Inc., for Colima Road and Fullerton Road Intersection Improvements, et al., and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract for work in the Cities of Claremont, Industry, and San Dimas and in the unincorporated community of Rowland Heights.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for Project ID No. RDC0014880 – Colima Road and Fullerton Road Intersection Improvements, et al., for modification of traffic signals, construction of a fiber-optic communication system, roadway widening, installation of closed-circuit television cameras, in the Cities of Claremont, Industry, and San Dimas and in the unincorporated community of Rowland Heights, to Select Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$796,306.60.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval of the project from the Board to award this construction contract, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the construction contract, and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for this project.

On May 19, 2015, Agenda Item 39, the Board approved the project; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on June 16, 2015; instructed the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project; authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid; and authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range and deliver the project.

The estimated construction cost was in the range of \$525,000 to \$725,000. However, the lowest bid exceeded the authorized amount by \$71,306.60. While the bid is higher than the estimate, the bids received are very competitive, and we do not believe readvertising the project will result in lower bids. We recommend award of the project to Select Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$796,306.60.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding this construction contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected Cities and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,579,000 with the County's jurisdictional share being \$746,000, the City of Claremont's share being \$23,000, the City of Industry's share being \$724,000, and the City of San Dimas share being \$86,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County of Los Angeles services.

The project cost will be financed with \$720,000 in Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act. A Legacy for Users Demonstration (SAFETEA-LU) funds; \$568,000 in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Traffic Signal Forums; \$190,000 in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and \$101,000 in Road funds. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$190,000 will be funded from

this TOP allocation. The Highway-Through-Cities funds consist of SAFETEA-LU funds, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds, Proposition C Local Return funds, and Road funds. Financing for this project is included in the First, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Road Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund Budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Interim Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is anticipated that the work will start in October 2015 and be completed in December 2015.

The award of this contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 19, 2015, Agenda Item 39, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This construction contract will result in improved public works infrastructure in the Cities and community where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
August 18, 2015

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014880 – Colima Road and Fullerton Road Intersection Improvements, et al., (in the Cities of Claremont, Industry, and San Dimas and in the unincorporated community of Rowland Heights), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5.

TYPE OF WORK: Modification of traffic signals, construction of a fiber-optic communication system, roadway widening, installation of closed-circuit television cameras, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 19, 2015 (Agenda Item 39)

BID OPENING DATE: June 16, 2015

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Select Electric, Inc. 13250 Kirkham Way Poway, California 92064 (619) 460-6060	\$796,306.60
2	California Professional Engineering, Inc.	\$801,448.90

Elecnor Belco Electric was the apparent low bidder with a bid amount of \$659,365; however, it requested that its bid be withdrawn due to a clerical error resulting in a significant underbid. Our review confirmed that a clerical error was made; therefore, it was relieved from its bid.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$656,705.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$796,306.60
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$139,601.60

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